THE LAST SOLDIER OF SOMME

ACT 2

CHAPTER 3

HEY. GIVE ME
A BOOST HERE

DO YOU SEE ANYTHING?

NO. ALL CLEAR!
OK GET YOUR BUTT UP HERE

WE'RE SITTING DUCKS OUT HERE. I CAN'T SEE SQUAT IN THIS RAIN.
HEY, YOU COMIN' OR WHAT?

HURGH!
YOU COULD GIVE ME A HAND YOU KNOW?

CHARLIE. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO YOUR UNIT.
THAT TANK IS STILL OUT HERE SOMEWHERE.
IF WE CROSS PATHS WITH IT I DOUBT DUMB LUCK WILL SAVE US AGAIN.

SEE THOSE LIGHTS OFF IN THE DISTANCE? THAT'S A CHURCH THE GUYS USUALLY HOLE UP IN AT NIGHT.
WELL.. WHAT'S LEFT OF A CHURCH ANYWAYS.
I BET YOU THEY'RE THERE.
WE HAVE TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY THERE???
WELL WE AIN'T GONNA GET ANY CLOSER STANDIN' HERE AND YAPPIN'.
STAY LOW!

IT'S WEIRD. IT RAINS HERE EVERY NIGHT. I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE HAD A DRY NIGHT'S SLEEP.
I HAVEN'T ACTUALLY SEEN ANYBODY OUTSIDE MY UNIT IN A WHILE.
SARGE WAS BEGINNING TO THINK THAT YOU GUYS FORGOT ABOUT US.
OH. AH... THE RAIN'S BEEN MAKING IT DIFFICULT

TO GET YOUR ORDERS TO YOU.
DON'T WORRY THOUGH. I'M HERE NOW.
I FEEL BETTER ALREADY.
HEY YOU GOT ANY GUNS OR ANYTHING?
I DROPPED MY RIFLE WHEN I WAS RUNNING TO SAVE YOUR BUTT EARLIER.
ALL I GOT IS THIS ONE GRENADE.

NO GUNS, UNFORTUNATELY. BUT HAVE NO FEAR! INTELLIGENCE AND COURAGE IS A SOLDIER'S GREATEST WEAPON!
ALSO, NEVER DISCOUNT THE EFFECT A FEARSOME MUSTACHE CAN HAVE ON YOUR FOE!
SHHH!
LOOK!

IT'S THE TANK!
IT SEEMS TO BE JUST SITTING THERE.
IT'S LIKE THAT THING IS DELIBERATELY HUNTING US

CHARLIE, WE NEED TO GET AROUND THE A7V. IF IT SEES US WE'RE DONE FOR.
WHY?
IT DOESN'T KNOW W'ERE HERE. I'LL JUST ROLL A FEW GRENADES UNDER IT'S TREAD TO CRIPPLE IT.

NO!
IT'S AH.. A PROTOYPE. STANDARD ISSUE GRENADES WON'T BREACH ITS ARMOR.
THIS DEVICE IS A TIMED CONCUSSIVE EMF EMITTER. BASICALLY A BOMB. IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT WILL TAKE OUT THAT TANK.

I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU THIS AFTER WE GET TO YOUR UNIT BUT IF WE TAKE OUT THE A7V, ALL YOU BOYS WILL GET TO GO HOME.
BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ALO-

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?
GIVE ME THAT THING!

CHARLIE WAIT!!!
HRMMM... IS THIS WHY AGNES

IS ALWAYS AGITATED AT ME?

HUFF..
HUFF..

HEY REMEMBER ME?
WE GOT SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS!

UH...

TO BE CONTINUED...

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

HEY GUYS, I'M WRITING TO YOU FROM MY MOM'S KITCHEN IN LOS ANGELES. I'M ON A BIT OF A ROAD TRIP RIGHT NOW VISITING SOME FAMILY SO THIS WEEK'S STRIP WAS LARGELY MADE IN THE BACK SEAT OF A CAR, HOTEL LOBBIES AND KITCHEN TABLES. I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH INTERNET ACCESS THIS WEEK SO I'M NOT REALLY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COMMENT SECTION BUT HOPEFULLY YOU GUYS ARE ENJOYING THE STORY. WILL BE BACK IN TORONTO NEXT WEEK!

P.S. DESPAIR IS WHEN YOU TAKE A WASHROOM BREAK AFTER FINISHING A PAGE AND COMING BACK TO FIND OUT YOUR COMPUTER RAN OUT OF BATTERIES AND YOU HAVEN'T SAVED IN A FEW HOURS.

P.S.S (OR IS THAT P.P.S) WATCHING THE SUNRISE AT GRAND CANYON WAS ONE OF THE MOST BREATHTAKING SIGHTS I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. I'LL DEFINATELY NEED TO SHARE SOME PICS ON INSTAGRAM AFTER I GET BACK TO TORONTO.

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